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Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program to impact 178 schools

MADISON — From apples to zucchini with plenty of variety in between, students in 178 Wisconsin schools will be eating more fresh fruits and vegetables during the school day thanks to a federal grant program.

Wisconsin's share of the \$150 million available nationwide through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program is just over \$3 million. The grant provides \$50 per student for schools to offer at minimum three snacks per week outside of the School Breakfast and National School Lunch programs. Snacks are offered to all children in the school. Grants to schools are expected to reach 59,551 Wisconsin students.

"Offering children a nutritious snack that builds healthy eating habits is a double win for our schools and families," said State Superintendent Tony Evers. "Fewer children will hit the hunger slump that pulls their attention away from their school lessons, and more kids will sample foods they may not otherwise encounter, building a foundation for healthier food choices beyond this grant program."

During the 2011-12 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, participating Wisconsin schools averaged 100 snack days during the school year. Special activities included a farmer's market, build your own salad day, Wisconsin apple taste test, and health and wellness fairs. In previous years, schools have incorporated "nutrition fun facts" into morning announcements, displayed posters to promote healthy snacking, and integrated lessons on healthy eating and behavior into snack time.

Because children from low-income families tend to have fewer nutritional options and less exposure to fresh produce, the USDA developed the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program in 2002. The program's goal is to increase fruit and vegetable consumption among students in the nation's poorest elementary schools by providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to students. The poverty level in participating state schools and school districts is more than 56 percent based on free and reduced-price school meal data. Wisconsin has been part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program since 2006 when 25 schools participated.

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NOTE: A list of U.S. Department of Agriculture Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grants for the 2012-13 school year follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2012_111.pdf.

USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grants

Wisconsin Schools Receiving Grants for the 2012-2013 School Year

Abbotsford School District

Abbotsford Elementary, \$18,800

Adams-Friendship School District

Adams-Friendship
Elementary, \$27,400
Grand Marsh Elementary, \$7,350
Roche A Cri Elementary, \$7,550

Alma Center School District

Merrillan Lincoln School, \$18,500

Appleton Area School District

Badger Elementary, \$17,350
Columbus Elementary, \$10,750
Highlands Elementary, \$33,850
Horizons Elementary, \$20,900
Lincoln Elementary, \$19,900

Ashland School District

Lake Superior Primary, \$18,600
Lake Superior Intermediate, \$18,700
Marengo Valley, \$8,200

Atonement Lutheran,

Milwaukee, \$12,500

Augusta School District

Augusta Elementary, \$16,550

Baraboo School District

Al Behrman Elementary, \$18,250

Barron Area School District

Almena Elementary, \$3,100
Ridgeland Elementary, \$4,000
Woodland Elementary, \$18,400

Bayfield School District

Bayfield Elementary, \$8,900

Beecher Dunbar Pembine**School District**

Pembine Elementary, \$6,250

Beloit School District

Burdge Elementary, \$12,200
Converse Elementary, \$18,400
Cunningham Elementary, \$14,900
Gaston Elementary, \$23,000
Hackett Elementary, \$18,900
McLenegan Elementary, \$12,900
Merrill Elementary, \$13,300
Morgan Elementary, \$12,500
Robinson Elementary, \$18,900
Todd Elementary, \$17,350

Boyceville Community**School District**

Tiffany Creek Elementary, \$21,400

Bruce School District

Bruce Elementary, \$11,400

Catholic East Elementary,
Milwaukee, \$10,700

Central City Cyberschool, Milwaukee
Cyberschool (1-8), \$17,000
Preschool (K4-K), \$3,750

Concordia University
School, Milwaukee, \$11,750

Cornell School District

Cornell Elementary, \$11,400

Cross Trainers Academy,
Milwaukee, \$6,350

Eau Claire Area School District

Flynn Elementary, \$14,900
Lakeshore Elementary, \$20,500
Locust Lane Elementary, \$15,000
Longfellow Elementary, \$18,450

Flambeau School District

Flambeau Elementary, \$15,750

Florence School District

Florence Elementary, \$11,600

Fond du Lac School District

Chegwin Elementary, \$19,950
Parkside Elementary, \$16,150
Riverside Elementary, \$20,200

Frederic School District

Frederic Elementary, \$9,850

Gillett School District

CRE8 Charter, \$2,000
Gillett Elementary, \$11,850

Gilman School District

Gilman Elementary, \$10,600

Goodman-Armstrong Creek School

Goodman-Armstrong
Elementary, \$3,600

Green Bay Area School District

Chappell Elementary, \$17,350
Danz Elementary, \$24,450
Doty Elementary, \$20,100
Eisenhower Elementary, \$23,400
Fort Howard Elementary, \$15,850

Howe Elementary, \$20,000
Jefferson Elementary, \$8,850
Keller Elementary, \$18,550
Lincoln Elementary, \$10,700
Sullivan Elementary, \$33,500
Tank Elementary, \$8,600

Hayward Community**School District**

Hayward Intermediate, \$18,000
Hayward Primary, \$22,600
Waadookodaading, \$1,950

Indian Community School
of Milwaukee, \$14,300

Janesville School District

Adams Elementary, \$20,650
Jackson Elementary, \$14,750
Lincoln Elementary, \$16,650
Madison Elementary, \$17,500
Wilson Elementary, \$15,350

Kenosha Unified School District

Bose Elementary, \$20,400
Brass Elementary, \$22,900
Edward Bain School
of Language and Art, \$44,100
Frank Elementary, \$22,750
Grant Elementary, \$12,300
Grewenow Elementary, \$19,550
Jefferson Elementary, \$14,800
McKinley Elementary, \$17,450
Strange Elementary, \$25,600
Vernon Elementary, \$19,450
Wilson Elementary, \$10,550

Kickapoo Area School District

Viola Elementary, \$10,250

La Crosse School District

Franklin Elementary, \$17,000
Hintgen Elementary, \$19,350

La Farge School District

La Farge Elementary, \$6,100

Lac du Flambeau School District

Lac du Flambeau
Elementary, \$24,750

Ladysmith School District

Ladysmith Elementary, \$17,450

Lake Geneva J1 School District

Eastview Elementary, \$16,500
Star Center Elementary, \$20,350

Loyal School District

Loyal Public School, \$14,050

**Madison Metropolitan
School District**

Aldo Leopold Elementary, \$33,350
Emerson Elementary, \$20,500
Falk Elementary, \$18,850
Glendale Elementary, \$26,100
Hawthorne Elementary, \$20,500
Lake View Elementary, \$13,050
Lincoln Elementary, \$19,000
Lindbergh Elementary, \$12,500
Sandburg Elementary, \$22,550
Schenk Elementary, \$22,400

Manitowoc School District

Jefferson Elementary, \$21,850
Madison Elementary, \$13,200

Marinette School District

Garfield Elementary, \$12,400
Park Elementary, \$13,500

Mauston School District

Grayside Elementary, \$12,550
West Side Elementary, \$18,300

Menasha Joint School District

Butte de Morts Elementary, \$23,050
Gegan Elementary, \$20,450
Jefferson Elementary, \$7,400
Nicolet Elementary, \$6,700

Menominee Indian School District

Keshena Primary, \$20,300

Menominee Tribal School,
Neopit, \$9,700

Menomonie Area School District

River Heights Elementary, \$20,100

Messmer Preparatory Catholic
School, Milwaukee, \$22,800

Milwaukee Public Schools

Barton Elementary, \$20,100
Bethune Academy, \$24,700
Brown Street Elementary, \$16,350
Carver Academy, \$26,950
Cass Street Elementary, \$17,050
Congress Elementary, \$42,400
Cooper Elementary, \$20,800
Franklin Elementary, \$16,250
Hayes Bilingual School, \$17,300
Kosciuszko Montessori, \$22,750
La Causa Charter, \$32,800
Lincoln Ave Elementary, \$31,050
Longfellow Elementary, \$45,150
MacDowell Montessori, \$24,550
Milwaukee Sign Language
Elementary, \$27,050
Morgandale Elementary, \$29,350

Siefert Elementary, \$15,850
Silver Spring Elementary, \$17,800
Story Elementary, \$22,700
Thurston Woods
Elementary, \$23,700

Montello School District

Forest Lane Elementary, \$17,650

Necedah Area School District

Necedah Elementary, \$16,500

North Crawford School District

North Crawford Elementary, \$16,250

Northwest Catholic, Milwaukee
East Campus, \$10,400
West Campus, \$9,700

Northwest Lutheran School,
Milwaukee, \$11,400

Oneida Nation Elementary
School, \$20,600

Owen-Withee School District

Owen-Withee Elementary, \$14,650

Prairie du Chien School District

B.A. Kennedy Elementary, \$12,750
Bluff View Intermediate, \$11,600

Richland School District

Jefferson Elementary, \$8,200

River Valley School District

Lone Rock Elementary, \$5,100

Sacred Heart Catholic Grade
School, Shawano, \$5,150

Sauk Prairie School District

Tower Rock Elementary, \$5,500

School for Early Development and
Achievement, Milwaukee, \$3,850

Sheboygan Area School District

Longfellow Elementary, \$18,750
Sheridan Elementary, \$14,950

Shell Lake School District

Shell Lake Elementary, \$9,750

South Milwaukee School District

Lakeview Elementary, \$14,200

South Shore School District

South Shore Elementary, \$4,100

Sparta Area School District

Lawrence-Lawson
Elementary, \$12,500

St. Adalbert School,
Milwaukee, \$24,700

St. Marcus School,
Milwaukee, \$28,350

St. Martini Lutheran School,
Milwaukee, \$12,750

St. Rafael the Archangel, Milwaukee
North Campus, \$7,150
South Campus, \$12,850

St. Rose and St. Leo Catholic
School, Milwaukee, \$22,450

Stanley Boyd Area School District

Stanley Elementary, \$19,850

Superior School District

Lake Superior Elementary, \$8,250

Tri-County Area School District

Tri-County Elementary, \$13,550

Two Rivers School District

Koenig Elementary, \$12,100

Unity School District

Unity Elementary, \$22,600

Watertown Unified School District

Lincoln Elementary, \$9,000

Wausau School District

GD Jones Elementary, \$14,550

Webster School District

Webster Elementary, \$15,350

West Allis School District

Horace Mann Elementary, \$25,000

Westfield School District

Coloma Elementary, \$6,450

Wisconsin Rapids School District

Howe Elementary, \$18,900
Mead Charter School, \$20,900

**Wonewoc-Union Center
School District**

Wonewoc Elementary, \$10,600